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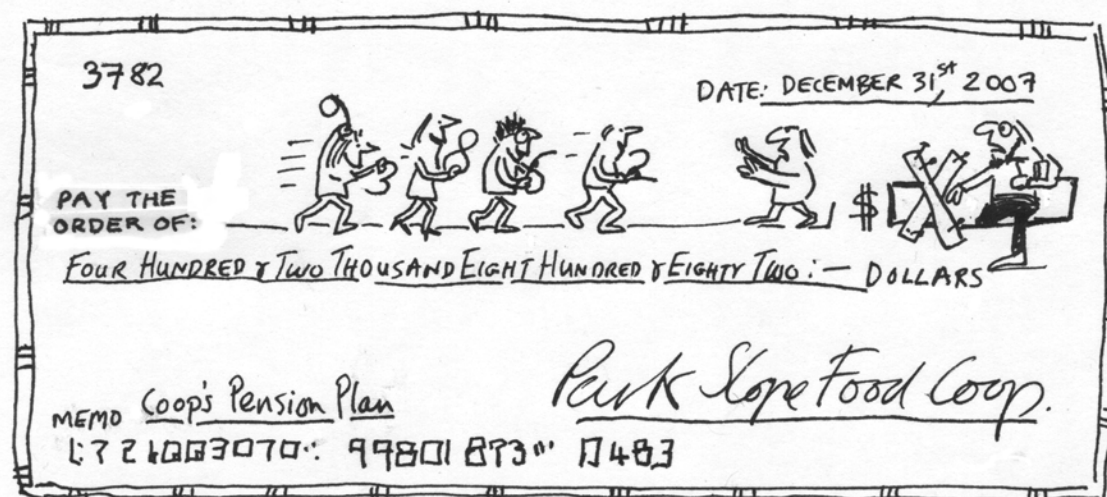


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ANNUAL MEETING REPORT

Annual Meeting Renews Auditor, Selects Coop Board and Officers

By Hayley Gorenberg

At a nuts-and-bolts set of annual and general meetings on June 24, members extended kudos and renewed the services of the Coop's auditor and selected a board member and officers.

The annual meeting opened with a walk-through of the Coop's financial statements, conducted by Jennifer Rambaran, a representative of the accounting firm Cornick, Garber & Sandler, LLP. The explanation was so thorough that it prompted one member to rise and proclaim, "I've been a member of the Coop the better part of twenty-two years. This is the first time I've ever understood the financial statement. Thank you!"

Coop members peppered Rambaran and General Coordinator Joe Holtz with questions.

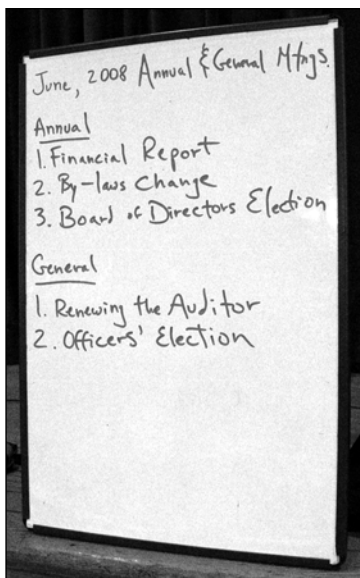
Inquiries on the Coop's financial health ranged from an update on the number of members to inquiries on the contents of the Coop's staff pension fund.

The Coop has approximately 13,800 members now, according to Holtz. The number is eight percent higher than it was a year ago, despite member turnover of almost one-quarter annually.

In response to questions about the Coop's pension fund (required to be assessed as either under- or over-funded, and deemed "over-funded" by \$442,882 in 2007), Holtz said that ninety-nine percent of the pension is invested in equities. Holtz, who serves as a pension plan trustee, pledged that the general meeting would be presented with a detailed description of the plan's investments by the close of 2008, and noted that a member is assisting in current assessment and calculation of the plan's internal rate of return.

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Another member question concerned the Coop's mortgage obligations and options. Holtz explained that the Coop cannot pay more than once per month without "an amazing penalty like the whole of the Empire State Building!" but that it can prepay up to ten percent of the



mortgage once annually. He said that the decision on whether to prepay this year has not yet been made, and that it was not altogether clear that a substantial prepayment would be feasible. "We have a good [cash] flow, but I don't believe we have so much money."

The members assembled voted unanimously to accept the audited financial statement, and following the vote, longtime Chair Committee member Carl Arnold quipped, "Jennifer, thank you very much. That was remarkably painless!"

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DIVERSITY & EQUALITY COMMITTEE REPORT

Are You the Babysitter?

By Helen Wintrob, for the Diversity & Equality Committee

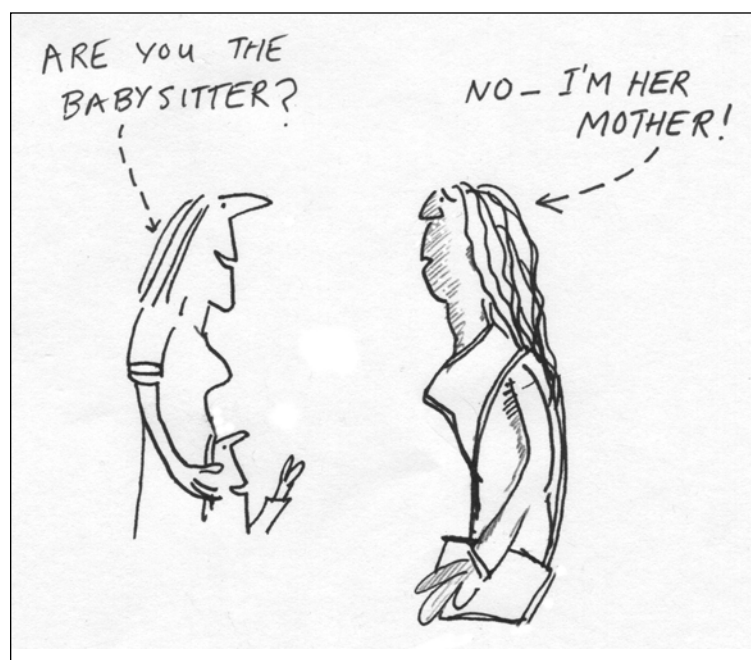


ILLUSTRATION BY ROD MORRISON

Two women in their mid 30's go to the door of the childcare room. They both appear like typical Park Slope mothers. Slender, both look like they jog with some frequency and take a yoga class when they can. Both are wearing jeans, boots, sweaters and scarves that hang easily over their short jackets.

The person in charge of the childcare shift greets both of them. When their toddlers see them at the door each runs to greet the woman who is presumably her mother. But now the dyads that seemed identical no longer are. One woman is asked for her Coop ID card; the other one isn't. One woman is African-American and the other is white. It is assumed

that the white woman is the child's mother but that the other is her child's babysitter.

In middle class settings where there are significantly more whites than people of color, the aforementioned scenario is all too common.

A friend of mine who is from Nigeria is married to a white man. Her twin daughters

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Next General Meeting on July 29

The General Meeting of the Park Slope Food Coop is held on the last Tuesday of each month.* The next General Meeting will be on Tuesday, July 29, at 7:00 p.m. at the Congregation Beth Elohim Temple House (Garfield Temple), 274 Garfield Place.

The agenda is in this Gazette and available as a flyer in the entryway of the Coop. For more information about the GM and about Coop governance, please see page 5 of this issue.

* Exceptions for November and December will be posted.

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Coop Event Highlights

Thu, Jul 24 • Blood Drive 3:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.

Fri, Jul 25 • Blood Drive 11:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.

Sat, Jul 26 • Blood Drive 11:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.

Look for additional information about these and other events in this issue.

WORDSPROUTS

The Park Slope Food Coop’s Reading Series

Authors Wanted

Wordsprouts—The Park Slope Food Coop’s Reading Series—is planning its fall season now. We’re looking for Coop members who are published authors interested in leading writing workshops at the Coop or in reading their work at a local bookstore. Members who participate in Wordsprouts receive workslot credit.

If you’re interested please send your book info and/or workshop ideas to PJ Corso at paola_corso@hotmail.com.

PARK SLOPE FOOD COOP

Product Return Policy

The Coop does not “exchange” items. You must return item and repurchase what you need. Returns of eligible items will be handled at the Second Floor Service Desk within 30 days of purchase only when accompanied by the PAID IN FULL receipt.

Please use the following guide to determine if an item is eligible for return:

Produce (fresh fruits & vegetables)	May not be returned with the exception of coconuts, pineapples and watermelon. Even if the claim is that the item is spoiled or that it was purchased by mistake, produce cannot be returned except for the three items listed above. The produce buyer may be contacted on weekdays by members to discuss any other claims for credit.
Books	May not be returned.
Juicers	May not be returned.
Bulk items & bulk items packaged by the Coop	May not be returned. Members may contact the bulk buyer to discuss any other claims for credit.
Refrigerated items Frozen items	May not be returned unless spoiled.
All Other Products (not covered above)	A. Other products may be returned if they are spoiled or defective and the category is not specified above B. Other products may be returned if they are unopened, undamaged and therefore can be sold again. C. Other products may not be returned if they are opened or unsellable, and were purchased by mistake or not needed.

The Diversity & Equality Committee (DEC) is dedicated to improving human relations and communications through impeccable interpersonal interactions, policies and procedures in the Coop.

The goal is to work toward preventing and eliminating discrimination in the Coop and to promote the ideal of equal and respectful treatment between all Coop members and paid staff regardless of each individual’s different identity. The DEC also aims to provide advocacy for individuals who feel they have experienced discriminatory practices in the Coop.

Voice-mail

(888) 204-0098

E-mail

psfcdiversity-cpr@hotmail.com

Contact Form or Letter:

DEC Contact forms are available in the literature rack in the ground floor elevator lobby. Place a completed form or other letter/note (anonymously if desired) in a sealed envelope labeled “Attn: Diversity and Equality Committee” and use one of the three methods listed below to get it to the committee.

Mail

Park Slope Food Coop
Attention: Diversity & Equality Committee
782 Union Street
Brooklyn, New York 11215

Mail Drop Box

Which is located in the entryway vestibule on the ground floor under the flier caddy.

Membership Office Mailbox

The DEC has a mailbox in the Membership Office on the second floor of the Coop.

Are You the Babysitter?

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ters are light skinned but obviously not white, although their skin is much lighter than their mother’s. When she picks them up at the Westchester school in the town where they live, the other kids think she is the babysitter.

A biracial (white and Caribbean-American) boy is a student at a Manhattan public school. His mother is white and his father is black. His black grandmother is a substitute teacher at the school. She teaches his class from time to time when his teacher is absent. One day his grandmother picked him up from school. When she came to the door the kids screamed, “Johnny, your babysitter is here.”

At a small private school in Brooklyn the woman who is the PTA president is African - American and well known at the school where her child has been a student for five years. When she comes through the door, the receptionist asks her, “Can I help you?”

The Diversity Committee considers bias from a number of different perspectives. We look at flagrant issues of bias and believe that people who engage in that kind of disrespect whether it be around issues of race, ethnicity, class, gender, sexual orientation or physical traits or states should be sanctioned for interacting with others in this way. However, we also feel that another part of our mission is to educate Coop members about different aspects of discrimination/bias that are a more subtle and an insidious part of our culture.

In Park Slope the majority of babysitters are women of color. When white people see women of color with a child they make the assumption that the adult is employed by the parents and is the child’s babysitter. That template is so ingrained in the unconscious of white people that they are totally unaware of the behaviors that they engage in as a result of that assumption. One of our goals is to change this idea as a given by heightening consciousness so that people don’t lapse into the behavior without giving it any thought.

I might add that the reason I gave examples of this phenomenon in situations outside of the Coop is to show that this is a problem that is larger than we are. However, since we are committed to eliminating bias, the remedy can start here. ■



Coop Job Opening:

Office Coordinator

Description:

The Coop is hiring a Membership Office Coordinator to fill a late afternoon/evening and weekend schedule. Office Coordinators divide their time between shifts of approximately 6 hours in the Membership Office, Technical Support shifts of approximately 6.5 hours working on the shopping floor, and oversight/ coordination of the Coop’s administrative functions. Applicants must have excellent people skills, excellent communication and organizational skills as well as patience, comfort with computers and computer technology, and the ability to do detailed record keeping. Applicants should be able to remain calm in hectic surroundings, oversee the work of others, teach and explain procedures, delegate work, give feedback, pay attention to several things at once and maintain high standards of accuracy.

As a retail business, the Coop’s busiest times are during traditional holiday seasons. Applicants must be prepared to work during many of the holiday periods, particularly in the winter.

Hours:

Approx. 38 hours in 5 days/week: Wednesday-Sunday. Weekday schedule will be afternoon/evening hours (some shifts until 11:30 p.m.). Saturday and Sunday hours will vary, though shifts are between 5 and 8 hours in length.

Wages:

\$21.64/hour.

Benefits:

—Health and Personal time
—Vacation—three weeks/year increasing in the 4th, 7th & 10th years
—Health insurance
—Pension plan

Application & Hiring Process:

Please provide a cover letter with your résumé. Mail your letter and résumé or drop them in the mail slot just inside the entryway vestibule of the Coop. All members who submit both a cover letter and résumé will receive a response. Applications will be reviewed and interviews scheduled on a rolling basis. If you applied previously to any other Coop job offering, please reapply.

Please do not call the office to check on the status of your application.

Probation Period:

There will be a six-month probation period.

Prerequisite:

Must be a current member of the PSFC for at least six months.

Applicants who wish to schedule a shift in the Membership Office should contact the Office and speak to one of the Office Coordinating Staff.

We are seeking an applicant pool that reflects the diversity of the Coop’s membership.

Annual Meeting

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Bylaws Change Approved

In advance of the Board of Directors election, the members approved (and thus maintained in effect) a bylaws change that had been voted upon favorably by both the GM and Board on July 31, 2007. The change required that the ballot for electing

“running for the board gives me a platform for advocating change in governance” and noted his belief that by running and perhaps succeeding, he was positioning himself to sue the Coop.

Auditor, Secretary Renewed

The ensuing General Meeting renewed the services of the auditing firm Cornick, Garber & Sandler, LLP to per-

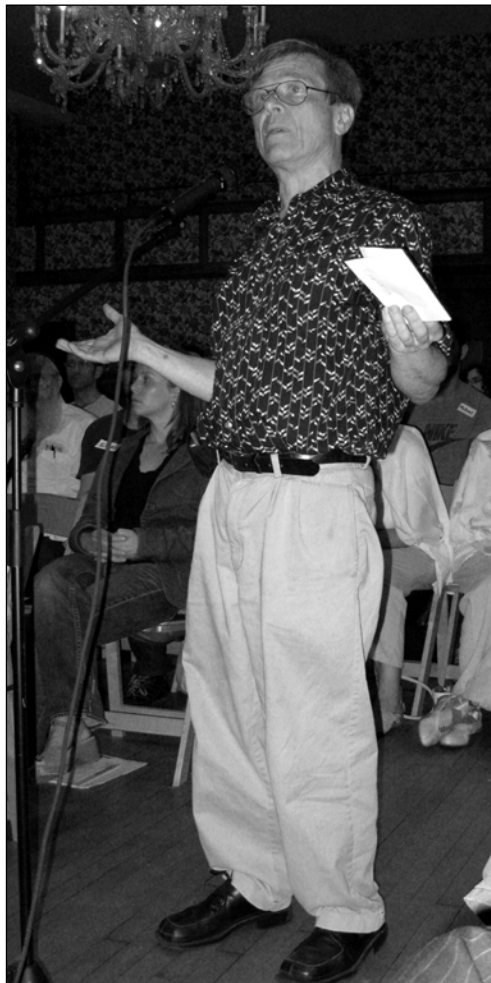
“low-ball” bidder might not do as good a job. He noted the additional benefit of having the auditor know the Coop and its issues over time, pointing out that a low bidder in an initial year might raise fees significantly in the future.

Board Officers Selected

The meeting concluded with confirmation of the board’s officers. John Urda



Jennifer Rambaran, a representative of the accounting firm Cornick, Garber & Sandler, goes over the Coop’s financial statement; member Donald Murk participates in the meeting.



PHOTOS BY LISA COHEN

directors provide for voting either “yes,” “no” or “abstain” for each candidate, and that any candidate receiving more “no” votes than “yes” votes would be deemed ineligible for election. The amendment easily won the votes needed to remain in effect.

Board Election

The annual meeting then turned to electing a new board member, choosing to renew current board member Bill Penner over perennial challenger Albert Solomon.

Penner, an architect and member of the Coop for over six years, served on a receiving squad and worked at the CHIPS soup kitchen before joining the board two years ago.

Penner concluded that his primary function as a board member would be to be vigilant against illegal or harmful actions, and otherwise to approve the General Meeting’s decisions, regardless of his personal opinion.

Solomon opened his remarks by asserting, “I’m not endorsed by the management,” and critiquing the lack of direct democracy at the Coop and his view that “the Coop has wasted its Board of Directors.”

Questions to Solomon included a challenge over why he would seek to join the board if he does not believe in the Coop’s form of governance. He responded that

form an audit of the Coop for the fiscal year ending February 1, 2009.

There was some question-and-answer with Holtz over whether the auditing job had been put to competitive bidding. Holtz responded that it had not, and voiced concern that to do so might not be in the Coop’s best interest, as a

continues as president, Imani O’Ryn as vice president, and Elizabeth Tobier, who has served as the Coop’s secretary since June 2001, was again chosen to fill that position.

Coordinator Tricia Leith continues to serve as treasurer. In addition to Penner, Audrey Miller Kamaroff continues as a board member. ■

PSFC July 2008 GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, July 29, 7:00 p.m.

- Items will be taken up in the order given.
- Times in parentheses are suggestions.
- More information on each item may be available at the entrance table at the meeting. We ask members to please read the materials available between 7:00 & 7:15 p.m.
- Meeting Location: Congregation Beth Elohim Social Hall (Garfield Temple) 274 Garfield Pl. at 8th Ave.

AGENDA:

Item #1: Length of shifts (50 minutes)

Discussion: “To limit the amount of work hours per month to two hours. With the dramatic growth of membership, the commitment of hours per month should be reduced.”

—submitted by Todd A. Price

Item #2: How to reduce use of plastic produce bags (40 minutes)

Discussion: “Plastic bags are useful and practical, but have many adverse environmental consequences. Shopping (t-shirt) bags have been eliminated at the Coop (and other places), but produce (roll) bags are a thornier issue. We would like to brainstorm with members to solicit ideas about (a) whether we can substantially reduce the number of produce bags we use at the Coop, and (b) how to do so without making the shopping experience more inconvenient or burdensome.”

—submitted by the Environmental Committee, the General Coordinators, and concerned Coop members

Future Agenda Information:

For information on how to place an item on the Agenda, please see the center pages of the *Linewaiters’ Gazette*.

The Agenda Committee minutes and the status of pending agenda items are available in the office and at all GMs.

WHAT IS THAT? HOW DO I USE IT?

Food Tours in the Coop

Food is a movement
we’ve learned that much by now:
Eat better
Feel better
Live better

Seen another way when we eat better
we grow food better
the land air and water are better
farm hands are better
the fish, frogs and winged ones are better

Everything looks better, more interesting
more dynamic, real in the way that authenticates
our better nature
our higher selves

Jump into the mirror of yourself
and reflect back what you want to see
put yourself in service of your reflection

The Park Slope Food Coop
Reflecting a Better Way

by Myra Klockenbrink

Mondays

July 21 (A Week)

Noon to 1 p.m.

1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

and

Sundays

July 27 (B Week)

August 24 (B Week)

Noon to 2 p.m.

You can join in any time during a tour.

SAVE A LIFE

Give Blood

Join the Blood Drive
at the Park Slope Food Coop

🗓️ **Thursday, July 24 • 3:00 – 8:00 p.m.**
🗓️ **Friday, July 25 • 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.**
🗓️ **Saturday, July 26 • 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.**

In the second floor Meeting Room

FACT: Less than 3% of the population donates blood and 90% will use blood some time in their life.

• Park Slope Food Coop • 782 Union Street •
• Brooklyn, NY • 718-622-0560 •
• In cooperation with New York Methodist Hospital •
For further information about blood donation, call Stuart Rosenhaus, 780-3644

COOP HOURS

Office Hours:

Monday through Thursday
8:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Friday & Saturday
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Shopping Hours:

Monday–Friday
8:00 a.m. to 10:00* p.m.
Saturday
6:00 a.m. to 10:00* p.m.
Sunday
6:00 a.m. to 7:30* p.m.
**Shoppers must be on a checkout line
15 minutes after closing time.*

Childcare Hours:

Monday through Sunday
8:00 a.m. to 8:45 p.m.

Telephone:

718-622-0560

Web address:

www.foodcoop.com

LINEWAITERS' GAZETTE

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SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

All submissions MUST include author's name and phone number and conform to the following guidelines. Editors will reject letters and articles that are illegible or too long. Submission deadlines appear in the Coop Calendar opposite.

Letters: Maximum 500 words. All letters will be printed if they conform to the guidelines above. The Anonymity and Fairness policies appear on the letters page in most issues.

Voluntary Articles: Maximum 750 words.

Submissions on Paper: Typed or very legibly handwritten and placed in the wallpocket labeled "Editor" on the second floor at the base of the ramp.

Submissions on Disk & by Email: We welcome digital submissions. Drop disks in the wallpocket described above. The email address for submissions is GazetteSubmissions@psfc.coop. Receipt of your submissions will be acknowledged on the deadline day.

Classified & Display Ads: Ads may only be placed by and on behalf of Coop members. Classified ads are prepaid at \$15 per insertion, business card ads at \$30. (Ads in the "Merchandise–Non-commercial" category are free.) All ads must be written on a submission form (available in a wallpocket on the first floor near the elevator). Classified ads may be up to 315 characters and spaces. Display ads must be camera-ready and business card size (2"x3.5").

Recipes: We welcome original recipes from members. Recipes must be signed by the creator.

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Puzzle Corner

R.I.P.

Use the clues below to fill in the quote. Puzzle Author: Janet Farrell. For answers, see page 7.

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1. Freud Prop

2. Netherlands Sight

3. Type of Case

4. GLBT Letter

5. Sedition

6. Like Some Fabrics

7. Vichyssoise Need

8. Fuel or Record

9. Kind of House

10. Petty Officer

11. Painter of Dancers

12. Corn Units

13. School Fee

14. Excursion

15. Friend

16. Like Co-op Food?

17. Give Up

Monthly on the...
Third Thursday
July 17
7:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m.
Last Sunday
July 27
10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.
Second Saturday
August 9
10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.
On the sidewalk in front of
the receiving area at the Coop.

RECYCLING

PLASTICS

What plastics do we accept?

- #1 and #2 non-bottle shaped containers and #1 and #2 labeled lids. Mouths of containers must be equal width or wider than the body of the container.
- All #4 plastic and #4 labeled lids.
- #5 plastic tubs, cups & specifically marked lids and caps (discard any with paper labels).
- Plastic film, such as shopping and dry cleaning bags, etc. Okay if not labeled.

ALL PLASTIC MUST BE COMPLETELY CLEAN AND DRY

We close up promptly.
Last drop offs will be accepted 10 minutes prior to our end time to allow for sorting.

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WORKSLOT NEEDS

Community Ties Outreach (FTOP workers only)

Community Ties is our directory of businesses offering exclusive discounts to Park Slope Food Coop members. See the new Spring/Summer 2008 issue at www.foodcoop.com or in print at the entrance vestibule. What other businesses would you like to see listed? Which neighborhoods are missing? The Coop needs workers to canvas neighborhoods (via phone and/or foot) to enlist new businesses for a free listing in our upcoming Fall 2008 issue. If you're marketing-savvy and community-minded, schedule an FTOP shift. Leave a voicemail message for Camille Scuria at 888-922-2667, mailbox 87.

Meat or Bulk Inventory

Monday, 8:00 to 10:45 a.m.

Work with Receiving Coordinators Bill Malloy or Ron Zisa to accurately count and inventory meat or bulk products. Must have good handwriting, be able to do basic arithmetic (weights, fractions, addition), be reliable and have good attention to detail.

Paper Recycling

Wednesday or Friday, 6:00 to 8:00 a.m.

Do you have a large vehicle and want to help the Coop be a good green citizen? Collect recycled paper from the Coop, bag it, load it into your vehicle and drive it to the paper recycling center. You need to be able to lift and work independently. Reliability a must, as you will be

the only person coming to do this job on your day. The recycling center is located at 165 43rd St. in Brooklyn. If interested, please contact Adriana Becerra at gmcrcdit@psfc.coop or drop by the Membership Office to speak to her.

General Ledger Bookkeeping Friday, Saturday and Sunday

Are you a detail-oriented person who likes working with numbers and is at ease handling a calculator? General Ledger Bookkeeping might be the workslot for you! General Ledger bookkeeping consists of making entries into the General Ledger, running a calculator tape to draw account balances and, finally, balancing the General Ledger. The work must be completed in

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COOP CALENDAR



New Member Orientations

Monday & Wednesday evenings: . . . 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday mornings: 10:00 a.m.
Sunday afternoons: 4:00 p.m.

Be sure to be here promptly—or early—as we begin on time! The orientation takes about two hours. Please don't bring small children.

Gazette Deadlines

LETTERS & VOLUNTARY ARTICLES:

Jul 31 issue: 7:00 p.m., Mon, Jul 21
Aug 14 issue: 7:00 p.m., Mon, Aug 4

CLASSIFIED ADS DEADLINE:

Jul 31 issue: 7:00 p.m., Wed, Jul 23
Aug 14 issue: 7:00 p.m., Wed, Aug 6

General Meeting

TUE, JUL 29

GENERAL MEETING: 7:00 p.m.
The agenda appears in this issue and is available as a flyer in the entryway.

TUE, AUG 5

AGENDA SUBMISSIONS: 8:00 p.m.
Submissions will be considered for the Aug 26 General Meeting.

The Coop on the Internet

www.foodcoop.com

The Coop on Cable TV

Inside the Park Slope Food Coop
FRIDAYS 2:30 p.m. with a replay at 10:30 p.m.
Channels: 56 (TimeWarner), 69 (CableVision).

ALL ABOUT THE GENERAL MEETING

Our Governing Structure

From our inception in 1973 to the present, the open monthly General Meetings have been at the center of the Coop's decision-making process. Since the Coop incorporated in 1977, we have been legally required to have a Board of Directors. The Coop continued the tradition of General Meetings by requiring the Board to have open meetings and to receive the advice of the members at General Meetings. The Board of Directors, which is required to act legally and responsibly, has approved almost every General Meeting decision at the end of every General Meeting. Board members are elected at the Annual Meeting in June. Copies of the Coop's bylaws are available at the Coop Community Corner and at every General Meeting.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, July 29, 7:00 p.m.

The General Meeting is held on the last Tuesday of each month.

Location

The temple house of Congregation Beth Elohim (Garfield Temple), 274 Garfield Place.

How to Place an Item on the Agenda

If you have something you'd like discussed at a General Meeting, please complete a submission form for the Agenda Committee. Forms are available in the rack near the Coop Community Corner bulletin board and at General Meetings. Instructions and helpful information on how to submit an item appear on the submission form. The Agenda Committee meets on the first Tuesday of each month to plan the agenda for the GM held on the last Tuesday of the month. If you have a question, please call Ellen Weinstat in the office.

Meeting Format

Warm Up (7:00 p.m.)

- Meet the Coordinators
- Enjoy some Coop snacks
- Submit Open Forum items
- Explore meeting literature

Open Forum (7:15 p.m.)

Open Forum is a time for members to bring brief items to the General Meeting. If an item is more than brief, it can be submitted to the Agenda Committee as an item for a future GM.

Reports (7:30 p.m.)

- Financial Report
- Coordinators' Report
- Committee Reports

Agenda (8:00 p.m.)

- The agenda is posted at the Coop Community Corner and may also appear elsewhere in this issue.

Wrap Up (9:30-9:45 p.m.)

(unless there is a vote to extend the meeting)

- Meeting evaluation
- Board of Directors vote
- Announcements, etc.

Attend a GM and Receive Work Credit

Since the Coop's inception in 1973, the General Meeting has been our decision-making body. At the General Meeting (GM) members gather to make decisions and set Coop policy. The General-Meeting-for-workslot-credit program was created to increase participation in the Coop's decision-making process.

Following is an outline of the program. *For full details, see the instruction sheets by the sign-up board.*

• Advance sign-up required:

To be eligible for workslot credit, you must add your name to the sign-up sheet in the elevator lobby. Some restrictions to this program do apply. Please see below for details.

• Two GM attendance credits per year:

Each member may take advantage of the GM-for-workslot-credit program two times per calendar year.

• Certain squads not eligible:

Eligible: Shopping, Receiving/ Stocking, Food Processing, Office, Maintenance, Inventory, Construction, and FTOP committees. (Some Committees are omitted because covering absent members is too difficult.)

• Attend the entire GM:

In order to earn workslot credit you must be present for the *entire* meeting.

• Childcare can be provided at GMs:

Please notify an Office Coordinator in the Membership Office at least one week prior to the meeting date.

• Signing in at the Meeting:

1. After the meeting the Chair will provide the Workslot Credit Attendance Sheet.
2. Please also sign in the attendance book that is passed around during the meeting.

• Being absent from the GM:

It is possible to cancel without penalty. We do ask that you remove your name if you know cannot attend. Please do not call the Membership Office with GM cancellations.

• Is it FTOP or a make-up?

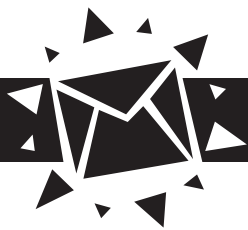
It depends on your work status at the time of the meeting.

• Consider making a report...

...to your squad after you attend the meeting.

Park Slope Food Coop Mission Statement

The Park Slope Food Coop is a member-owned and operated food store—an alternative to commercial profit-oriented business. As members, we contribute our labor: working together builds trust through cooperation and teamwork and enables us to keep prices as low as possible within the context of our values and principles. Only members may shop, and we share responsibilities and benefits equally. We strive to be a responsible and ethical employer and neighbor. We are a buying agent for our members and not a selling agent for any industry. We are a part of and support the cooperative movement. **We offer a diversity of products with an emphasis on organic, minimally processed and healthful foods.** We seek to avoid products that depend on the exploitation of others. We support non-toxic, sustainable agriculture. **We respect the environment.** We strive to reduce the impact of our lifestyles on the world we share with other species and future generations. We prefer to buy from local, earth-friendly producers. We recycle. We try to lead by example, educating ourselves and others about health and nutrition, cooperation and the environment. **We are committed to diversity and equality.** We oppose discrimination in any form. We strive to make the Coop welcoming and accessible to all and to respect the opinions, needs and concerns of every member. We seek to maximize participation at every level, from policy making to running the store. **We welcome all who respect these values.**



BAG BAN IMPACT

TO THE EDITOR:

Sometimes trying to do the right thing may carry unforeseen circumstances. I am willing to bet that more often than not Coop members, such as myself, recycle the plastic bags we purchase at the store for putting our kitchen trash into, thus avoiding having to purchase plastic bags at Key Food, etc. So, was the ban on the bags the smart thing to do? Now we will only be using these bags once, instead of the dual life they might have lived as Coop bags. I welcome any alternative suggestions in these pages.

In cooperation,
Gene Hicks

BAN MEAT

TO THE EDITOR:

Since the Coop has eliminated plastic shopping bags and bottled water in recognition of their adverse environmental impacts, I would like to know how it can continue to justify the sale of meat. Setting aside the question of whether meat consumption is right or wrong, the environmental impact of meat water use, methane production, and the squandering of grain in a starving world must have adverse impacts that are equal to or greater than those of plastic bags and bottled water combined. This, I believe, is true even for the organically produced meat the Coop sells.

I understand that stocking the Coop's shelves is a constant exercise in compromise between the desires of members and the pressing needs of the environment, a challenge that I believe the Co-op's stewards have for the most part done an admirable job of addressing. But by eliminating plastic bags and bottled water, I believe the Coop has redrawn the line in the sand that we, as an organization, will no longer cross, and meat now clearly falls on the far side. Worse, it makes a mockery of our mission statement and environmental policy. With meat on our shelves we are hypocrites.

I am a vegetarian (not a particularly good one, but still) and have been for most of my adult life. I'm not asking every Coop member to give up meat but if the Coop is to mean anything at all, those who do consume meat should buy it somewhere else.

Louis Lavelle

EDITOR'S NOTE: *Receiving Coordinator Bill Malloy tells the Gazette that over 90% of the Coop's beef and lamb is locally raised and grass-finished (fed entirely on grass and silage throughout their lives). The rest is certified organic, and grain-finished. Some of the grass-finished beef is also certified organic.*

INCREASE ENFORCEMENT

TO THE EDITOR:

After reading the article "Suspend Shoppers Slip Through Security Gap," I figured it's time to say what I've been thinking for a while. I work at the smaller check-in station. After swiping a member's card and looking at the screen, it is not easy to quickly ascertain a member's standing. If

"SUSPENDED" was in a larger font, in a distinctive color or was flashing, it would quickly call attention to this matter. We all try to do our best, but, if "SUSPENDED" was more visible, it would make for a more secure and efficient entrance procedure.

Sincerely,
Al Ettlinger

YOUR ROLE IN ATLANTIC YARDS DECISIONS

TO THE EDITOR:

Atlantic Yards Governance Act (A11395) is a piece of legislation presented to the State Assembly by 57th AD representative Hakeem Jeffries. Last Monday a press conference was held on the steps of City Hall in support. I doubt that anyone is aware of this legislation. Very few people attended the press conference.

The legislation would set up a new governance mechanism legitimizing the Forest City Ratner Corporation's (FCRCorporation) monopolistic privatization of the terrain around the Atlantic and Vanderbilt train yards between Prospect Heights and Fort Greene. Rather than setting up a new governance, elected officials can be defending the Uniform Land Use Review Procedure (ULURP) which is the legal way that residents have a role in vetting decisions about land-use in this city.

ULURP was debated for years, written into law and is included in the City Charter as section 190c. ULURP requires open public hearings facilitated by Community Boards in the affected area(s) and then a vote by the full city council... ULURP gives residents, community board members and local elected officials authority over land-use and development decisions.

Then governor (and Ratner-classmate) George Pataki assigned authority over the project soon after its announcement to his appointees on the states Empire State Economic Development Corporation (ESDC) using an arcane stipulation in the state constitution. They robbed residents and city officials of our authority and power assigned by the City Charter. Elected officials can defend our right to participate rather than set up new and diversionary procedures that contradict city law.

Now that the FCRCorporation's plan has been revised and re-revised and re-re-revised to the point that we don't know whether there is a plan, the situation is this: The militant local opposition, the failing economy, and the new governor open an opportunity to go back to the beginning and do this development decision the just manner and the legal manner- putting out a Request for Proposals to developers and putting each proposal through the ULURP process. We can tell our elected officials that we want them to struggle for a legal and just process.

Another distressing aspect of the press conference was that the person speaking on behalf of the community has no authority to do so. Gib Veconi never brought the proposal to support this legislation to the Park Place-Underhill Avenue Block Association of which we are both members. There was no discussion nor vote on whether the oldest civic organization

in Prospect Heights supports or opposes the proposed legislation. It is painful to call a neighbor out, but honesty requires it.

The proposed legislation went over like a lead balloon, as Joe Maniscalco reported in the Park Slope Courier. Everyone concerned about the quality of life in Brooklyn can ask her/his elected official for a copy of the proposed legislation. If you oppose FCR-Corporation's Atlantic Yards plan, get in touch with those officials and ask them to support an open process, not legitimize and Corporate land-grab.

In solidarity,
Susan Metz

BOLTHOUSE ISSUES

TO THE EDITOR:

William Bolthouse, founder and 43% owner of Bolthouse Farms (http://www.bilerico.com/2008/06/bolthouse_farms_makes_homophobe_juice.php), a farm in California that provides organic juices, lemonades, and smoothies to places like Whole Foods and other organic market places (also Walgreen's, Hannaford, Stop N Shop, and I'm told Wal-Mart and Costco), has just recently given a donation of \$100,000 to proponents of a campaign to strip California couples of the right to marry. We know that many progressive people are concerned about what they put in their bodies, and we wanted to let you and your friends know that organic juice you maybe enjoying could be helping to strip the rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people of the right to marry in California.

This company also packages fresh carrots and produces a line of salad dressings. You can go to www.bolthouse.com/ContactUs.aspx (or call 1-800-467-4683) to let the company know what you think. My comments: "Because of the Bolthouse Foundation's support of right-wing and homophobic causes and organizations—especially its recent \$100K donation to the immoral campaign to strip lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender California citizens of their civil rights—I am boycotting all Bolthouse Farms products and am urging all my family, friends and acquaintances to do the same."

Rino Varrasso

HEY, WHAT HAPPENED?

TO THE EDITOR:

"A fact which allows us to hope the Resurrection will reflect a considerable attention to detail."—Marilynne Robinson

Friends and fellow members, I Work for You! Isn't it about time to get together some house parties, phone trees, petition campaigns and try to get me elected next year? This was about my 11th try for the Board of Directors and my results were among worst yet!

Bill Penner - For, 1243 - Against, 73 - Abstain, 55 - Blank, 98 - Total, 1469
Me - For, 176 - Against, 765 - Abstain, 117 - Blank, 410 - Total, 1468

I told them at the meeting that if elected I would try to force the Board to meet and accomplish its oversight and policy-making responsibilities. If it refused I would sue the Co-Op. But

in many ways the Directorship could be a platform for improving the government.

1469 people voted, excluding spoiled ballots, which is about 12%, similar to Pacifica Foundation subscriber voting. If the Rulers wanted more people to think about the government they could put placards all around the shopping announcing each general meeting and its agenda—once they even hung a bicycle from the ceiling to promote their investment campaign!—and they did the placards—improperly, I think—in the weeks leading up to the June 24th vote about plastic bags.

But we don't have coordinators, we don't have leaders, we have a Dynasty of people who have installed themselves for life.

Their latest addition, IT Coordinator Charlotte Corini, was not even announced at a general meeting prior to her hire, to say nothing about even mentioning other candidates. So much for even the merest breath of transparency or going outside the loop—and ruler selection isn't our only star chamber; don't get me going on the Disciplinary Hearing Committees! (And I'm not saying we don't need an IT coordinator—much to the contrary and thanks to the Rulers for getting one!—as it seems our IT department has gone out of control with 2 full-time staffers and a system of work records that would put any Mediaeval clerk to shame. I know because I worked several shifts in the Office.)

And indeed the Dynasty—or should we say, the Septumvirate?—marches on. For the second time in recent memory the daughter of Gazette overlord Erik Lewis has appeared in the Gazette, once in a piece by Erik about her work on a farm and this time being interviewed by reporter Ed Levy about the Family Rule. (That is, the requirement that everyone in a household be a member.) Why can't we the members have some input into who is featured in the Gazette? (Continued next issue.)

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DISABILITY

TO THE EDITOR:

Thank you for your article "Household Dharma" published in the July 3rd edition. It is good being reminded about the household member policy and to read about its history. However, rereading the policy made me wonder if the statement "must be working members, unless they are disabled" is too simplistic or even discriminatory.

Just as the article points out that "old" should not be equated with "disabled", "disabled" should not be equated with "not able to work."

This is not to say that it is important to have this policy for those whose disability prevents them from working at the coop or where a hardship is involved.

To Submit Classified or Display Ads:

Ads may be placed on behalf of Coop members only. Classified ads are prepaid at \$15 per insertion, business card ads at \$30. (Ads in the “Merchandise–Non-commercial” category are free.) All ads must be written on a submission form. Classified ads may be up to 315 characters and spaces. Display ads must be camera-ready and business card size (2” x 3.5” horizontal). Submission forms are available in a wallpocket near the elevator.

CLASSES/GROUPS

SUPER-GENTLE YOGA for rank beginners, folks returning to yoga after many years or with back problems, general stiffness, arthritis. Class begins Sept. 13 in convenient Park Slope location. For more info e-mail Mina at minaham@aol.com. Write Gentle Yoga in heading.

EMPLOYMENT

OFFICE ASSISTANT, PT, approximately 4 hrs. per week. Light bookkeeping, MS Excel and Word, misc. office tasks, e.g. filing, faxing, etc. Park Slope. Contact Adria Klinger, LCSW 718-965-2184.

HOUSING AVAILABLE

WRITER/ARTIST/MUSICIAN BERKSHIRE RETREAT. Very light and airy studio, plus bedroom, 1/2 bath, garage, refrigerator and cooking facilities. Peace and quiet. Great views, nearby hikes. You share shower, full kitchen. Available Sept. 1, 1-year lease preferred. \$795, inc. utilities. Pets possible. email minaham@aol.com.

HOUSING SUBLETS

PROSPECT HTS.-4 MO, 1 BR starting Aug. 1, \$880 mo. Close to 2/3, 4/5 trains, Prospect Park, Brooklyn Museum, Brooklyn Botanic Garden, Brooklyn Public Library. 15 min. walk to Coop. Contact Steve at 718-399-0107 or schain@aol.com

MERCHANDISE-NONCOMMERCIAL

FREE COOKING E-BOOKLETS: Free recipes for freshly picked garden goodies. Sauces, soups, desserts, vegetarian meals, etc. www.healthylivingonline.net and click on E-BOOKS.

MERCHANDISE WANTED

DR. BRYAN POST takes care of very damaged/abused kids no one wants (Virginia). His program needs: AC, paint, balloons, beads, non-scary costumes, const. paper, craft stuff, ribbon, scissors, sequins, temp. paint, yarn, old/new (post) cards, non-violent books (any age), coloring books, toys, board games, stuffed

animals (clean), dolls (all colors) + any fun things for 2- to 21-year-olds. Call Jeannine 646-509-7273.

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ATTORNEY—Experienced personal injury trial lawyer representing injured bicyclists and other accident victims. Limited caseload to ensure maximum compensation. Member of NYSTLA and ATLA. No recovery, no fee. Free consult. Manhattan office. Park Slope resident. Long time PSFC member. Adam D. White. 212-577-9710.

NEED AN ELECTRICIAN, call Art Cabrera at 718-965-0327. Celebrating 35 yrs. in the electrical industry, skilled in all aspects of field from single outlets to whole buildings. Trouble shooting specialist. No job turned away. Original Coop member, born in Brooklyn. Brownstone specialist, low voltage & 220 wiring.

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NO JOB TOO SMALL! Carpentry, tile installation and repair, painting, plastering, doors hung and repaired, shelves installed, bath regrouts, general handy work. Serving the Park Slope area for 19 years. Free estimates. Call Rocco 718-788-6317.

MADISON AVENUE Hair Stylist is right around the corner from the Food Coop—so if you would like a really good haircut at a decent price, please call Maggie at 718-783-2154. I charge \$60.00.

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DEALING with a parent's dementia? Coping with an elderly parent can be depressing and confusing as well as a wrestling match if you and your siblings don't see eye-to-eye. Please call me, Dr. Helen Wintrob, a licensed psychologist and trained family therapist at 718-783-0913, for help. Park Slope Office. Insurance accepted.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Community calendar listings are free. Please submit your listings in 50 words or less by mail, the mailslot in the entry vestibule, or GazetteSubmissions@psfc.coop. Submission deadlines are the same as for classified ads. Please refer to the Coop Calendar in the center of this issue. *Denotes a Coop member.

FRI, JUL 18

FOOD NOT BOMBS hosts a benefit show at Vox Pop Cafe, 1022 Cortelyou Rd. Performances by Joe Crow Ryan, Raygun, Brandon Barnett + The Invisible Public Library. Raffle with prizes from Food Fight! Vegan Grocery, V-Spot Cafe & Herbivore Clothing. Doors 7 p.m./show 8-ish. \$5 suggested donation. Myspace.com/brooklynfnb

BROOKLYN NVC is delighted to be bringing JEAN MORRISON to New York City for the first time! Please register at www.BrooklynNVC.org for Fri. 18th July, 6:30-9pm: Request Fest: The

Power of Asking for What We'd Like and Sat, July 19th 1-5pm : The Joy of Empathy: NVC Games and Exercises for Learning, Fun, & Connection

SUN, JUL 20

FEASTING ON PEACE: Join Brooklyn NVC and other peace-making organizations for our FREE summer picnic at the Ross Pinetum area in Central Park, 12-5 p.m. for: The Empathy Labyrinth, Dances of Universal Peace, "Cake Walk," food, games & more! Join us and let your family and friends know too! Rain date July 27.

SAT, JUL 26

DANCING FOR ANIMALS: a non-profit organization, is holding Saturday night dance parties. Alternate Saturdays, enjoy an evening of dancing while helping animal welfare organizations at the same time! Intro dance class 8:30-9:30 p.m. General dancing 9:30-12:00 a.m. (music for all partner dances played). Dance Times Square, 156 W. 44th St., 3rd Floor. Cost: \$10. 212-946-1824 www.dancingforanimals.org.

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Letters

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Disability is a diversity issue, and many people with disabilities want to work, but are prevented by environmental and societal barriers and also discriminatory attitudes. This letter is intended to initiate a discussion on this topic. It would be great to hear how this issue has come up in the past and what our Coop is doing to include people with disabilities. It would also be great to hear from the Diversity and Equality Committee on their experience of disability as a diversity issue.

Daniel Werges

A RAY IN THE RAIN

Sodden morning near Brooklyn's
Glistening Borough Hall;
People rush to subway
Through a grayish squall.
Dripping, beaming man
Hawks his needed wares;
Passengers reach for
MTA-card fares.
At his stand the vendor
Sings to passing fellas
Sweetest baritone note
Sunshine-splashing: "Umbrellas!"

Leon Freilich

Puzzle Answers

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| 1. CIGAR | 7. LEEKS | 13. TUITION |
| 2. WINDMILL | 8. FOSSIL | 14. VOYAGE |
| 3. LOWER | 9. OPERA | 15. CHUM |
| 4. LAMBDA | 10. YEOMAN | 16. ORGANIC |
| 5. TREASON | 11. DEGAS | 17. FOLD |
| 6. WOVEN | 12. EARS | |

This Month's Quote:

"Death is caused by swallowing small amounts of saliva over a long period of time."

New Yorker & Comedian, George Carlin

Sunday, July 20
12:00 at the Coop


FREE
Non members Welcome

Ayurvedic Nutrition for Pitta Season

The wisdom of Ancient India teaches us that an ideal diet is different for everyone, and also changes according to the season. As we enter the hot summer, Ayurveda teaches us to balance that fire with a cooling diet.

This workshop covers the basics of Ayurveda, with a focus on nutrition and balancing recipes for summer.

Namaste!



Deborah is an Ayurvedic and Living Foods nutritionist in Park Slope. She is a graduate of Harvard University and the European Institute of Vedic Studies and has worked internationally as an Ayurvedic Massage Therapist. She is a long-time Coop member and proud momma to happy baby Theo. Visit www.rawayurveda.com.

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Past Life Regression Through Hypnosis

WITH JEFFREY T. CARL, CHT.

DO YOU HAVE THE FEELING THAT YOU HAVE LIVED BEFORE?

Have you ever just met someone and felt like you have previously known them?

Are there other countries or cultures that seem familiar to you?

Well there might be an explanation for this.

Through hypnosis we can tap into the subconscious mind, as well as enter into a peaceful trance-like state to retrieve memories of our past lives.

Relax and take a journey within.

Gain:

- Realizations
- A deeper understanding of who you are
- Retrieve memories
- Pass beyond death and back again

Bring: A blanket to lie down on or a comfortable lawn chair to relax into
A note book to write down anything that comes up

Jeffrey T. Carl, CHT, a Coop member, is a certified clinical hypnotherapist, and a member of I.A.C.T. Jeffrey is also certified in past regression though the Wiess Institute.

FREE
Non-members welcome

Friday, July 18
7:30 p.m. at the Coop

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WORKSLOT NEEDS (CONTINUED)

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three separate segments, on 3 separate days, between Thursday evening and Sunday evening, allowing some flexibility in scheduling the work. This is all hand entry work, since the Coop bookkeeping system is not computerized. Good handwriting is a must. Prior bookkeeping experience helps. Prerequisites are: 1) must have been a member of the Coop in good standing for 6 months; and 2) must make a six-month commitment to the workslot. If you are interested in this workslot, please speak to Renee St Furcy through the Membership Office.

Office Data Entry
Tuesday or Thursday, 4:30 to 7:15 p.m.
Are you a stickler for details, accurate on the computer and like working independently? If this sounds like you, then Office Data Entry will be your perfect shift. You will receive training, and Coop staff will always be available to answer questions. Please speak to Ginger Hargett in the Membership Office if you would like more information. Workslot requires a six-month commitment.

Check Writing
Tuesday, 6:00 to 8:45 pm
You will transfer information from vouchers on to checks to pay some of the Coop bills. Neat and legible handwriting, particularly writing digits, a must. You will be working independently so good attendance record needed. A 6-month commitment to the work slot is required. Please speak to Renee St Furcy through the Membership Office prior to joining the shift.

Cash Received Bookkeeping
Tuesday, 6:00 to 8:45 pm
Are you a stickler for details, accurate on the computer, and like working independently? This workslot involves verifying cashier report data and inputing data into an Excel worksheet. The position requires good attendance and a six-month commitment to the workslot. Please contact Michele Weimer in the Membership Office if you are interested in the position.

Office Setup
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday, 6:00 to 8:30 a.m.
Need an early riser with lots of energy to do a variety of physical tasks including: setting up tables and chairs, buying food and supplies,

labeling and putting away food and supplies, recycling, washing dishes and making coffee. Sound like your dream come true? This job might be for you. Please speak to Adriana or Cynthia in the Membership Office for more information.

Early Morning Receiving/ Stocking Committees
Monday–Friday, 5:30, 6:00, and 7:00 a.m.
Early morning Receiving/Stocking squads work with Receiving Coordinators to receive deliveries and stock the store. These squads help to unload delivery trucks, organize products in the basement, load carts, and stock shelves, bulk bins, coolers and produce on the shopping floor. You may be asked to stock perishables in the reach-in freezer or walk-in cooler. Boxes generally weigh between 2 – 20 lbs., a few may weigh up to 50 lbs. Other duties include breaking down cardboard for recycling, preparing produce for display, and general cleaning. You will have the opportunity to work closely with our produce buyers and learn a lot about the produce the Coop sells.

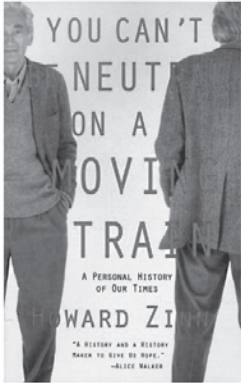
CHIPS Soup Kitchen
Monday, Tuesday or Saturday, 9:00 to 11:45 a.m. or 11:15 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
CHIPS serves a daily meal to the homeless, needy and hungry at their storefront soup kitchen located at 4th Avenue and Sackett Street. Workslots preparing food, helping serve meals and cleaning-up are available to Coop members who have been a member for at least six months. Coop members will work alongside other volunteers at CHIPS. Reliability, cooperation and ability to take directions are vital. Experience with food prep is a plus for working in the kitchen. Please contact Camille Scuria in the Membership Office if interested.

Friday, August 8
8:00 p.m. at the Coop

FREE
Non members Welcome

THE NOW FILM SERIES presents

**You Can't Be Neutral on a Moving Train:
A Personal History of Our Times**



Acclaimed historian Howard Zinn has both chronicled and participated in some of the most important social movements of our time. In *You Can't Be Neutral on a Moving Train*, Zinn's experiences speak to the future as much as to the past: they show in vivid detail how small actions can affect historic change.

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Forgiveness

WITH MORAIMA SUAREZ

Is there someone you need to forgive?

Holding on to feelings of hurt, guilt, resentment, blame, anger and the need to punish binds up a lot of your own energy and keeps you locked in the past, instead of being fully present.

The Forgiveness Process allows you to release these negative feelings and completes your own healing.

LEARN TO:

- Forgive yourself and others
- Focus and use the power of unconditional love
- Align your head and your heart
- Use the power and energy of love to relieve stress
- Participate in a group unconditional love meditation

Moraima Suarez is a Coop member, certified Holoenergetic® Healing Practitioner, certified Bowen Therapist, and Reiki practitioner. She has studied and practiced the healing arts for over 20 years and her healing practice in the Park Slope vicinity.

FREE
Non-members welcome

Saturday, August 16
2:00–4:00 at the Coop

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Saturday, August 16
7:30 at the Coop

FREE
Non members Welcome

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE: The Black Panther Party and Beyond

A very important, but rarely seen film about the Black Panthers, Young Lords, and other people's movements of the 1960s, and the conscious lengths that certain government agencies have gone to impede them.

Features: former Black Panther Bobby Seale, former Attorney General Ramsey Clark, former CIA case officer Philip Agee, Leonard Peltier, and Mumia Abu-Jamal.

Rob Falotico is an activist and political researcher whose interests include domestic political assassinations, the government's war on dissent, power elites, and other aspects of U.S. hidden history. He has been a Coop member since 2003.

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Read the *Gazette* while you're standing on line OR online at www.foodcoop.com